SENATE BILL 3477 By Wilder

AN ACT to amend Chapter 414 of the Acts of 1903; as amended by Chapter 12 of the Private Acts of 1925; Chapter 397 of the Private Acts of 1931; Chapter 236 of the Private Acts of 1961 and Chapter 61 of the Private Acts of 1987; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the charter of Toone.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Chapter 414 of the Private Acts of 1903, as amended by Chapter 12 of the Private Acts of 1925, Chapter 397 of the Private Acts of 1931, Chapter 236 of the Private Acts of 1961, Chapter 61 of the Private Acts of 1987, and all other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting Section 3 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 3. *Be it further enacted*, That at the 2004 regular November election (held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November), and at the regular November election held each fourth year thereafter, an election shall also be held in the town of Toone for the purpose of electing a mayor and six (6) aldermen, whose terms of office shall begin on the second Monday in November at 12:01 p.m., and who shall serve for a term of four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. All such elections shall be conducted by the county election commissioners at the same hours and places for holding general elections and under the general election laws of the state. The incumbents, who hold the positions of mayor and aldermen on the effective date of this act, shall continue to serve in the positions for which they were elected until such time as their successors are elected and qualified pursuant to the provisions of this act. No person shall be eligible to hold the office of mayor or alderman of said town until he or she is and has been a resident citizen of said town for twelve (12) months preceding his or her election, and is otherwise a legally qualified voter of said town. All

persons living within the boundaries of the town of Toone for six (6) months before said election and all persons owning real estate in said town and who are otherwise entitled to vote for members of the General Assembly, shall be entitled to vote in said corporation elections.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of Toone. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of Toone and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.

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